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**In re U.S. Patent Application of**

**HIGAKI et al.**

**Application Number: 10/803,910**

**Filed: March 19, 2004**

**For: A STORAGE CONTROL DEVICE FOR LONGEVITY  
OF THE DISK SPINDLES BASED UPON ACCESS OF  
HARD DISK DRIVES (AS AMENDED)**

**Attorney Docket No. ASAM.0115**

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) **Examiner**  
) **Kaushikkumar M. Patel**

**LETTER**

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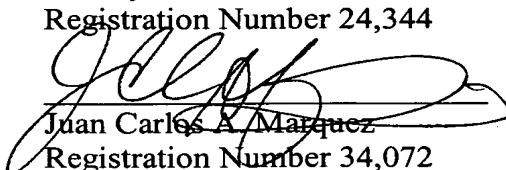
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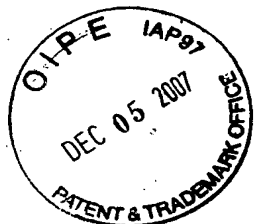
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Respectfully submitted,

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**INTERVIEW SUMMARY**

Hereinbelow is a summary of the interviews conducted with the Examiner in connection with the above-referenced application.

**Interview Dates:** October 30, 2007  
November 8, 2007  
**Interview Type:** Telephonic  
**Attendees:** Examiner Kaushikkumar M. Patel  
Juan Carlos A. Marquez  
**Matter Discussed:** Claims 21, 31 and 37  
**Exhibits shown:** None

**Discussion/Agreements Reached:**

On October 30, 2007, Applicants' representative and the Examiner discussed claims 21, 31 and 37. The Examiner indicated that the claim amendments presented in the response filed September 21, 2007, appeared to overcome the prior art of record. However, the Examiner indicated that he would have to conduct an updated to confirm whether the amended claims would be allowable.

On November 8, 2007, the Examiner contacted the Applicants' representative to propose various amendments to the claims in order to address formal issues. Applicants' representative and the Examiner discussed each of the amendments, and the Applicants' representative authorized the Examiner to enter the proposed amendments.

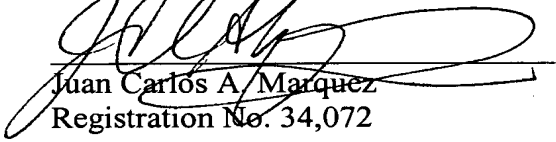
Conclusion

Applicants respectfully thank the Examiner for his consideration in conducting the above-discussed telephone interviews with the Applicants' representative. Should there be any outstanding issues requiring discussion that would further the prosecution and allowance of the above-captioned application, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' representative at the address and telephone number indicated below.

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